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## SENSATIONAL MEETING.

MAYOR FISHER GIVES VENT TO ANGRY SENTIMENTS.

Charges That the Printing of the Town Report Was Delayed—Claims the Cause of Delay Was to Defeat Water Main Legislation—Hitter Attack on James J. Thompson by the Mayor.

At the Town Council meeting Monday night the question of extension of the water mains was again a topic of discussion. When this matter was up for discussion several weeks ago it was obvious that there was a decided difference of opinion among the members of the Council as to the policy to be pursued in making extensions of the mains.

The chairman of the water committee made a report at a previous meeting of the Council setting forth a plan of extensions recommended by the water committee. The water committee's recommendation was supported by Councilmen Hephburn and Oshob and was opposed by Councilmen Farrand, Murray and Davis. Every member of the Council conceded the necessity for extension of the mains. The difference of opinion was on the amount of extension to be authorized at the present time. A bill signed by Governor Stokes limiting the amount of bonds to be issued in any one year for water main extensions to \$5,000, put a temporary check to further discussion of the project and it was laid over for one month by mutual consent and came up in regular course Monday night.

In the course of the previous discussion of the water main extension problem much stress was laid by the opposition on the present financial status of the water department. Mr. Murray requested a financial statement and Mr. Green submitted one, but it was not satisfactory to Mr. Murray, and one reason for laying the matter over for one month was that the annual town report was expected by that time, and in which a financial statement would give the desired information.

When the water committee was called upon for a report Monday night by Mayor Fisher Mr. Green said that the reason for not bringing up the question of the extension of the water mains was that the members of the Council had not yet made themselves familiar with the state of the water department set forth in the town report, as the document was not ready yet.

This request brought out the statement that the town report was not yet issued.

Mayor Fisher charged that the report was being held back for the purpose of delaying action on the water main extension. He said that he had been given to understand that the printing of the report could be done in one week.

The question was raised as to when the copy was placed in the printer's hands.

Clerk Johnson stated that he placed all the copy in his hands with William A. Hatcher, Jr., on May 15th.

Mr. Green, who wrote the reading matter preliminary to the financial report of the water department, stated that the printer had sent to his house for the copy and he furnished it on the 23d of May.

Mr. Farrand, chairman of the printing committee, arose and proceeded to make a statement, giving the printer's side of the case as to the delay, when Mayor Fisher cut him short with the exclamation: "I would not believe that man under oath."

Mr. Farrand quickly dropped into his chair.

Mayor Fisher reiterated his charge that the report was purposely held back to delay action on the water main extension. "A certain man," continued the Mayor, "has been going around requesting Councilmen not to vote for the adoption of the recommendation of the water committee because there was graft in it."

"That same man came to my house when the water contract was under consideration and tried to persuade me to make a contract with the East Jersey Water Company at \$80 per million gallons. He did not say anything about graft then."

"That same man came again and endeavored to induce us to sign a \$70 contract with the East Jersey company, but said nothing about graft at that time. When the contract was finally made at \$85 per million gallons he was among the first to come forward with congratulations and say the contract was a good one and he knew we would get it for that price."

The Mayor named James J. Thompson as the man who had been to see him and tried to persuade him to vote for an \$80 contract with the East Jersey company. He subsequently made it quite clear that he meant that Messrs. Thompson and Bittcher were the men who were trying to defeat the water committee's recommendation for extending mains.

"In all the proceedings in connection

with the contract there was no graft talk, but now when it is proposed to spend a few thousand dollars to meet the demands of the people for water mains there is much talk about graft, and all for the purpose of defeating a measure that will be of some benefit to Brookdale. According to some people Brookdale must not get anything, but the Centre must get it all. I know that if the water main is laid in Broad street as recommended the town will be repaid for the expenditure within five years. Another thing in favor of the plan of the water committee is the double amount of fire protection it would afford.

"At present," the Mayor said, "the town is dependent for fire protection on a single main system. If anything happens to that main the town is completely shut off from water, both for consumption and fire protection."

The Mayor's speech was followed by a general discussion of the extension of mains. Mr. Green opposed acting on applications in any particular sections for new water mains until action on the recommendations of the water committee was disposed of.

In the discussion of the water question Mr. Murray said that the blame for the delay was being placed in the wrong place. The cause was in the Council itself. As a member of the Council he had asked for a financial statement showing the condition of the water department.

"Well, you got the statement, didn't you?" replied the Mayor.

"Yes," replied Mr. Murray, "but it was not a satisfactory one."

The Mayor contended that the water committee had complied with the request.

Mr. Murray disputed that, and added that "what the water committee furnished was a 'fake' statement in so far as it gave the information desired. The water committee's statement showed a balance of over \$5,000 to the credit of the department and did not take into account the sum of \$4,000 due the water company for water consumed."

"The statement shows that, does it not?" the Mayor asked.

"Well, here is a copy of it," said Mr. Murray, drawing it from his pocket.

Mr. Green then offered an explanatory statement to the effect that the reason the amount due for water was not in the financial statement was because no bill for water had been rendered, and the water committee did not know what the amount would be.

Mr. Murray contended that the amount could be closely approximated, and any statement intended to show a true condition of affairs approximates as nearly as possible all outstanding obligations. The water matter was then dropped and the Council proceeded with other business.

**License Applications.**

The applications for inn and tavern, saloon and wholesale licenses will be found published in another part of this paper. There are twenty-three applications. Nineteen of the applications are for inn and tavern licenses, two for wholesale places and two for saloons. Seven of the applications are from the First ward, four from the Second ward and two from the Third ward. The two new applications in addition to those now in force, are from the Second ward and the applicants are Sigmond Levandoski, for a saloon at No. 43 Myrtle avenue, and Stanley Yasaky, for an inn and tavern at No. 60 Look street.

**Lawn Festival.**

The annual lawn festival given by the German Theological Seminary to the friends of the institution was held on the seminary grounds Monday afternoon, and was attended by 300 persons from German Presbyterian churches in New York and New Jersey. Addresses were made by Rev. Christopher Bauer, pastor of the German Presbyterian Church of Jamaica, Long Island, and Rev. Herman Schulz of the German Theological Seminary. Miss Lydia Steinbock of Brooklyn sang "The Morn Eternal." A collection was taken for the repair fund of the seminary.

**Electric Park.**

Everything is running smoothly at Electric Park and the big outdoor spectacle, the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, has proved one of the greatest sensations ever seen in this city. This stupendous combination of mechanism and pyrotechnics has never been equaled in any display since the World's Fair in Chicago, and Manager A. C. Dunlap, who designed the entire exhibit and his staff of capable assistants have been the recipients of many congratulations all week.

**Crushed the Ice Man.**

Howard W. Freeman of Benson street, proprietor of the People's Ice Company, was severely hurt Monday morning at the Swift Beef Company's establishment in Orange. Freeman was superintending the unloading of a car of ice when a large block fell on his left foot, crushing the latter. He was attended by a physician and then removed to his home.

## CHILDREN'S DAY

Will Be Observed in the Churches To-Morrow—Special Programmes Arranged—Children's Exercises Will Be a Special Feature.

The church festival known as Children's Day will be observed to-morrow in the churches of this town. Special programmes of services in which exercises by the children will be a conspicuous feature, have been arranged in several of the churches.

Children's Day will be observed in the Westminster Church on Sunday morning by the baptism of infants and a special sermon to children by the pastor. The Sunday-school will assemble at 10.30 and march into the church. In the evening the pastor will use his lantern for the benefit of the children, showing Hoffman's pictures of Jesus, views of the missionary work in Korea, to which the Sunday-school contributes, together with some illustrated hymns.

The Children's Day programme in the Watessing Methodist Church will consist of a special sermon by the pastor at the morning service. The topic will be "Paul's Sister's Son." In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the exercises of the primary department of the Sunday-school will take place, and also the baptism of infants. The Sunday-school programme for the evening service is entitled "The Hidden Treasure."

"The Building of the Temple," a sacred cantata, will be sung in Montgomery Chapel to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock by the members of the Sunday-school.

W. S. Phraner will direct the music and Miss Florence Grundy will preside at the organ. The soloists will be Mr. Travis, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Berry, Miss Dewar and Mrs. Travis.

The chorus will be as follows: Sopranos—Misses Ruth Boyd, Jennie Ooster, Emma McCullum, Anna Hamilton, Grace Palmer, Elsie Whitfield, Mrs. C. M. Turner and Mrs. W. H. Smith; altos—Mrs. Thomas Berry, Mrs. James Travis, Misses Edna Dewar, Florence Fuller, Emma Haig and Edith Kohler; tenors—Messrs. Harry Bennington, Thomas Berry, Edward Reivers, James Row, botham, W. H. Simpson, James Travis and Paul Williams; basses—Messrs. Isaac Edwards, Robert Lloyd, James Selkirk, Arthur Haig and Andrew McCullum; junior chorus—Helen Berry, Thomas Berry, Helen Bennington, Frank Dike, Elsie Dike, Willie Dike, Archie Dewar, Sadie Dewar, Alice Haig, Lillian Miller, Ethel Turner and Irene Whitfield.

**Ogden Rassebach.**

The marriage of Ralph Ogden of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Miss Elizabeth Rassebach of this town took place in Cripple Creek on Saturday evening, June 3d, at the home of the bride's brother, Henry S. Rassebach. The Rev. James Wallace Oshob, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cripple Creek, officiated. Mr. Rassebach's home was beautifully decorated with carnations, amilies and pine branches.

Only a small company of intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was celebrated in the parlors on the second floor. Never had the bride looked more attractive than on her wedding day, dressed in a robe of lace and mull. After the ceremony the company formed in a march to the strains of Lohengrin to the parlors on the first floor, where refreshments were served and a happy evening enjoyed.

"Miss Bayle," as she is popularly called, has greatly endeared herself to Colorado people, especially to the young people of the Baptist Church there. She is the efficient president of the B. Y. P. U. Mr. Ogden is well known in the Cripple Creek District. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them.

**Higgins-Seymour.**

Miss Elizabeth Seymour, daughter of John Seymour, former president of the Orange Council, was married Wednesday morning in St. John's Catholic Church, Orange, to Thomas Higgins of Glen Ridge. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. M. J. McDonald, assistant rector of the church, was followed by a wedding breakfast at the bride's home, 135 Day street, Orange. Miss Katherine Seymour, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the best man was William Higgins, a brother of the groom. The bride was attired in a champagne colored travelling gown of chiffon tulle, and she carried a prayer-book. Her attendant also wore chiffon tulle. Only the immediate relatives were present at the wedding breakfast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Higgins left for Atlantic City. They will reside at 135 Day street, Orange.

**Valleyburg Track.**

Another working card of bicyclic races has been framed up for the meet at Valleyburg track, Newark, next Sunday afternoon. The sport is coming back to its own again and the crowds attending the games are beyond all expectation. The sport, too, is of a high class and the management intends to keep it right up to this high standard.

## BASE-BALL

High School Boys Kluted Over the Victory Won from the Newark Team—Bloomfield and Watessing Teams Again Victorious—A New Base-Ball Combination Formed.

The Bloomfield High School team defeated the Newark High School team at Morris Park Thursday by a score of 10 to 4. Newark led by a score of 4 to 1 until the ninth, when Bloomfield hit Taylor all over the lot for a total of nine runs, turning what looked like sure defeat into victory. The Newark school had a strong team on the field. Taylor received excellent support, and had it not been for the fatal ninth he would have secured an easy victory.

Tydeman, the local pitcher, was in good form and allowed but two hits. The hitting, however, of the home lads was of the highest order, and, together with fast fielding, brought them victory.

This victory is one of the most important of the many won by the local High School team this year, and was an occasion for great rejoicing among the boys.

It is said that both Fred Jenny and Patsey Donovan, managers of the Boston and Brooklyn National League ball teams have been in town recently looking over the young blood in the Watessing and Bloomfield clubs.

About a month of doubt it has been definitely settled who is to manage and what the name of the new ball team is to be. It will be called the "Unknowns" and will play alternate every Wednesday, after 5 o'clock, either with the Watessing or Bloomfield clubs. On Saturdays it will act as a traveling club, playing all through Essex county.

On Sunday afternoon at 3.15 the Lyceum ball team will play the strong Central Railroad Association of Newark at the Lyceum Oval at Soho.

The Bloomfield Base-ball Club easily defeated the Richmond Hill Base-ball Club on the Williamson oval last Saturday afternoon. Calder was in good condition and held the visitors down to four hits. The playing of Marshall for Richmond Hill and Hambacher and Waterfield for the home team were featured.

This afternoon the Bloomfield Club will have as opponents the Liberty Field Club of Newark. This team defeated the locals twice last year by close scores, and a great game is expected.

**Fruit and Flower League.**

A Bloomfield branch of the National Fruit and Flower Guild has been organized and flowers are to be sent to New York for distribution there one day each week during the summer season. A beginning was made last week, Friday, June 1st, when a generous supply was forwarded to that city. If any ladies who have not already been asked have flowers to contribute, if they will give their names to one of the following officers of the guild they will see that the flowers are called for without further care to the donor. Mrs. Frank Lally, President, 424 Franklin street; Mrs. Fred Shaul, Secretary, 70 Washington street; Miss Boardman, Treasurer, 17 Washington place.

**A Garden Party.**

A garden party was given on Tuesday afternoon by the Women's Club of Glen Ridge at the residence of Mrs. John W. Stewart, 325 Ridgewood avenue, in that borough. The lawn surrounding the house was crowded with club women from various parts of the State. Representatives from almost every club in this vicinity were present. The feature of the affair was the May pole dance of little children. The little boys and girls carried shepherd crooks and floral harps, and to the strains of an old English May pole song, the little ones sang and danced themselves into a froth with the club women.

Refreshments were served, and the affair was most successful. Miss Alice Brainerd was chairman of the committee in charge.

**Senator Dryden a Candidate.**

United States Senator John F. Dryden is a candidate for re-election. There is no doubt about that. The announcement of the Senator's candidacy has met with enthusiastic response of approval from all parts of the State.

Colonel Anthony R. Kuser of Newark is a candidate for re-election.

"That John F. Dryden will be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate; that his chances are believed to be excellent; that he has received assurances of support from such men as Governor Edward C. Stokes, State Treasurer Frank O. Briggs (and his colleague in the upper house of Congress, John Kean); that his record has been endorsed by many prominent business men and manufacturers."

Indications are that the people of Essex county are becoming alive to the Senatorial situation, and are bent on making it known that this county does not propose to surrender the Senatorial honor.

Have your lawn mower put in shape by E. F. Townsend through Franchet Bros., Bloomfield Centre.—Ad.

## Old-Fashioned July Fourth

A meeting of the General Committee was held last Friday evening, which was well attended, and the different committees are getting down to hard work. The committee on sports and grounds is going to have more games running than last year, and is going to be very prompt in starting them, so as to give the people an opportunity to rest up before the fireworks begin.

The committee on parade is expecting a battalion from the New Jersey National Guard; also Camps of the Sons of Veterans from Montclair, Newark and Paterson. Our public schools will be represented in the parade. It is hoped that the fire department will also be out and look their prettiest. The Grand Army of the Republic and all patriotic societies are expected to fall in line.

Gentlemen riding horses are asked to act as mounted aides to the Grand Marshal, and there should be at least one hundred good riders who will offer their services. Neighboring clubs can get up something unique by banding together. Singing societies can help by parading and staging. Our tradesmen should take time by the forelock, and decide now how they are going to decorate their wagons, so as to add to the general effect.

Last, though not by any means least, the gentlemanly volunteer collectors will be knocking at every one's door looking for contributions—just as large as our patriotic citizens can consistently make them; nor will they refuse any amount, no matter how small the contribution may be. This is to be a celebration by the people and for the people, and every one should contribute something. The committee intends to make the celebration measure up to the size of the contributions received. Liberal contributions will mean for the people a day of rare enjoyment from sunrise until the time the Curfew bell should ring, and long after.

Colonel Harry White has the spirit of '76 well in hand, and will have a superior force out this time, not in looks but in numbers.

There will be a meeting of the General Committee in the Town Council rooms at 8.30 o'clock to-night.

**Charles Lancaster's Funeral.**

The funeral of Charles Halstead Lancaster was held from the Park Methodist Church Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes. Members of Company E, 5th Regiment, and Washington Tent No. 4, Knights of the Maccoches, attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Woodruff of the Flemington Methodist Church, former pastor here. The choir sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Jesus, As Thou Wilt." Both clergymen spoke in high terms of the life of the young man. The interment was in the Bloomfield Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Privates Wm. Lyman, J. H. Harris, E. D. Murphy, Ralph Lancaster, Arthur H. Dow and Ralph MacKoughon. A volley was fired over the grave of the young soldier.

**Baumler-Hermann.**

A pretty wedding Wednesday afternoon at Germantown, N. Y., was that of Miss Rose Hermann and Charles Baumler of Glen Ridge. The ceremony took place at 3.30 o'clock and was performed by the Rev. John Jensen, brother-in-law of the bride. The decorations were pink and white. The bride was gowned in white mousseline and carried white carnations. Andrew Baumler of Glen Ridge was best man; Miss Kate Reimier, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. The Rev. Remi J. Buttlinghausen assisted in performing the ceremony. Miss Lillian Jensen acted as flower girl.

**The Police Force.**

The police force now consists of a chief, eight regulars and two specials. Louis M. Collins is chief and the regular policemen are John R. Baylies, Thomas McKane, Charles Durning, Lawrence Shorter, Thomas Moran, John Blum, John R. Marshall and Walter O'Neil. The specials are Edward Shorter and Charles Drew.

**Sunday-School Excursion.**

The Sunday-school of the First Baptist Church is arranging for an excursion to Bellwood via the Lehigh Valley Railroad on July 9th. The committee of arrangements consists of Albert E. Crane, Edward E. Baldwin, Spencer C. Hamilton, Frank B. Stone and Harry L. Osborne.

**Automobile Trip.**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cadmus are off on a long automobile tour. The route will follow the Lackawanna Railroad through Morris and Warren counties, thence to Scranton by way of the Water Gap, Stroudsburg and Pocono mountains. From Scranton to Binghamton, thence to Hancock and Delhi and homeward through Delaware, Sullivan and Orange counties to New York.

Now is the time to buy fertilizers for your lawn and garden at Franchet Bros., Bloomfield Centre.—Ad.

## TOWN COUNCIL.

NUMEROUS MATTERS DISCUSSED AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

Watessing People Out in Force—Thomas Oakes Before the Council—License Applications Received.

The petition of Charles Nicolai and others requesting the Town Council to give consideration to complaints of the petitioners against the Westinghouse-Church Company for certain alleged nuisances growing out of the construction work being carried on by the company at Watessing. The petition set forth that the company was violating several town ordinances by obstructing Clearfield avenue, a public highway, in erecting a building in that street, by storing dynamite in that building, by tapping a water pipe and placing a faucet in the street, and thus creating a nuisance there by using the water connection for a watering place for a large number of horses. The erection of sheds for the housing of Italian laborers was another complaint, and it was alleged that the sanitary code was violated in this instance. The dust nuisance in the streets at Watessing Centre caused by the many teams hauling dirt from the company's ground was another source of complaint.

The petition was read by the clerk, and Samuel J. Macdonald spoke in defense of the company. He said that the matter complained of was incidental to all building enterprises, and proportionate to the magnitude of the undertaking. He said that the inconveniences caused by the construction work at the new factory were of a temporary character only.

Superintendent Miller of the Westinghouse Company, who has charge of the work going on, also made a reply to the charges set forth in the petition.

Charles Nicolai and Walter Elmer spoke for the petition. Mr. Nicolai protested against Mr. Macdonald's presentation of the case. He said that the petition was not against the construction of the factory, but was a request to the Town Council asking that body to see to it that the parties in charge of the work complied with the town ordinances. The several violations of town ordinances, Mr. Nicolai said, were clearly set forth in the petition.

Mr. Elmer spoke on the sanitary phase of the complaint, and asserted that the Westinghouse Company was allowed to house its employees in a manner that owners of private dwellings would not be permitted to provide for tenants.

The discussion was a long one, and the Mayor referred the matter to Harry Cooper for investigation.

A. H. Edgerly addressed the Council partly on the subject of the petition, but chiefly on the need of more police protection in Watessing Centre. He spoke of the three saloons in that locality as a reason why there should be a policeman on duty there night and day. The nuisance occasioned by boys around the Watessing Library and the Methodist Church were additional reasons.

Town Attorney Charles H. Halfpenny also addressed the Council on the police needs of Watessing.

Thomas Oakes appeared before the Council in reference to the application for permission to build a switch across Walnut street at the Erie Railroad station which had been applied for by the firm of which Mr. Oakes is the head. "I understand," said Mr. Oakes, "that the Board of Trade has made objections to the laying of the switch, and on that account the matter has been delayed. I am surprised that the Board of Trade should object to the Council granting the company's request, as I thought it was the duty of the board to advocate any improvement that would increase manufacturing facilities. You may say what you like, but small manufacturers cannot succeed to-day. Our works have been in operation for seventy years, and have been of great benefit to the town. Old firms must increase their capacity in order to keep their trade. Our business is increasing, and this switch is a necessity. I ask that permission to lay the switch be granted, as it is a reasonable request."

Councilman Murray said that the crossing was a dangerous one as it extends to-day, and to put a switch across Walnut street would add greatly to the danger.

On motion of Councilman Oshob, seconded by Councilman Green, the matter was laid over for two weeks, as the members of the railroad committee of the Board of Trade had been promised by the Council that nothing would be done in the matter until the last meeting of the Council is June.

On recommendation of Councilman Green, Councilmen John R. Marshall and Walter O'Neil were promoted to be regular patrolmen.

Twenty-four applications for liquor license were read by the clerk, and were laid over, according to the rule, until June 18, and the clerk was instructed to advertise the same according to law.

The assessor's report on the James street sewer was confirmed. The total cost was \$1,757.72, of which the town is assessed \$618.30. The assessor's report of the Washington avenue flagstone sidewalk was also confirmed. Its cost \$163.28, of which the town was assessed \$12.06.

Chief of Police Collins reported thirteen arrests and \$30 collected in fines for the month of May.